THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) The issue of setting up a Federal investigating Agency to deal with certain specified offences which have inter-State and/or nation-wide ramifications was considered at length in the Union Government. The issue was also discussed in different fora including in the Conference of Chief Ministers on Internal Security. It has been decided not to pursue the proposal for the present due to the perception of some States that this could impinge upon their sphere of responsibility with regard to the maintenance of law and order. The State Governments have however, been advised to enact legislation for the control of organised crime on the lines of the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crimes Act. The State Governments have also been advised to set up special units for monitoring, investigating and pursuing organised criminal gangs and coordinate with counterpart units in the neighbouring States as well as in the central agencies. In order to effectively deal with the terrorist groups/activities, the Government of India have enacted the Prevention of Terrorism Act, 2002.

Upgradation of DD (OL) Posts

5182. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 20 posts of DD (OL) have been upgraded as per recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons not promoting the persons against upgraded posts and by when the persons are likely to be promoted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 20 posts of Joint Directors have been created by redistribution of 49 posts of Deputy Directors as per the recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission in August, 2001. Appointments to the newly created posts of Joint Directors will be made when a panel of names is received from the Union Public Service Commission.